



WEDDING & MARRIAGE CHECKLIST

St. Joseph Parish | Grafton, Wisconsin | (262) 375-6500

- ___ Meet with Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate, to schedule the wedding date and begin the wedding planning process (ext. 175 or shanson@stjosephgrafton.org).
- ___ Await a call from a married couple of the parish to schedule discussions using the FOCCUS inventory.
- ___ Schedule the Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Experience at your earliest convenience at: <https://www.archmil.org/MarriagePreparation.htm>
- ___ Obtain recent, annotated copies of your Baptismal certificates – dated within 6 months of your wedding date.
- ___ Choose the scripture readings and Universal Prayer for your wedding liturgy. At least one reading must speak explicitly about marriage.
- ___ Contact Randy Hilgers, Director of Liturgy and Music, to plan your wedding music: rhilgers@stjosephgrafton.org
- ___ Finalize scripture readers and other liturgical ministers for your wedding liturgy.
- ___ Create and print your orders of worship (wedding programs).
- ___ Obtain your marriage license thirty (30) to eight (8) days before your wedding.
- ___ Distribute copies of the information from this packet to your florist (Appendix A), ushers (Appendix B), and photographer (Appendix C).
- ___ Ensure that everyone will be at your rehearsal on time. Bring the items listed below:
 - Copies of your wedding program (orders of worship)
 - Your marriage license
 - Any fees for musicians not already given to the Director of Liturgy and Music
 - An additional honorarium for the presider. An honorarium of \$250 is the typical payment given to the presider.
- ___ Wedding Day! Take a deep breath. In a simple prayer, offer yourselves to God who brings you to this day and loves you more deeply than you can even imagine.